

VETO MESSAGE ON EHB 1237

March 27, 2018

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 1237 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to modifying collective bargaining law to authorize providing additional compensation to academic employees at community and technical colleges."

Engrossed House Bill 1237 authorizes boards of trustees of community and technical colleges to use local funds, such as tuition, to provide salary increases that exceed the amount established by the Legislature. This is an important step in ensuring that faculty and staff at community and technical colleges are fairly compensated. Section 1 of this bill is an intent section, but addresses decisions that are budgetary in nature and should be dealt with in future budget processes. For this reason, I have vetoed section 1 of this bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 1 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1237.

With the exception of Section 1, Engrossed House Bill No. 1237 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Inslee
Governor